

LESSON 14  
"GENEROSITY"  
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**BIBLE CONNECTION**

John 6:1-14 (page 1156)

**CHARACTER WORD**

*Generosity* - An unselfish attitude, willing to share with others

**TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

I can know that God is generous to me.

**MEMORY LINK**

**Philippians 4:19**

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1298)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK**

**GET CONNECTED**

None

**MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

**Option 1:** Bibles, coins

**Option 2:** Fly swatters, notecards

**BIBLE CONNECTION**

5 slices of bread,  
a can of sardines

**SURF TEAM LEADER**

Memory link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

**MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME**

**Option 1:** Inflated balloons, cones

**Option 2:** Bandanas, music

# Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

## WHAT'S THE POINT?

One of the words many toddlers learn quickly is "mine." They know what they want and how to hang onto it. They claim their territory by gripping toys, hiding them or even pushing others to get or keep what they determine is "mine". It's sad that many people continue with the "mine" mentality into adulthood. It's my money, my house, my family, my yard, my car and on and on it goes.

The first step in developing a generous heart is to understand that nothing on this earth really belongs to you. Everything you have is a gift from God and is meant to be shared. When you offer back to God what He's given to you, He can perform miracles. Like the boy who gave his fishes and loaves to Jesus, you may not have much to offer Him. But in God's economy, your simple sacrifice given from a generous heart can turn into a full blown miracle through the power of God.

Giving generously and sacrificially shows you trust God to provide for your needs according to His riches in glory. A generous heart is a reflection of Christ's example of generously giving Himself to pay your debt of sin. The more you consider what Jesus gave, living with generosity toward others becomes a natural response.

## GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson



*No supplies needed*

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- *Do you have something at your house that you are unwilling to share with your brother, sister or friend?*
- *How have you seen people be selfish with the following things: time, money, friendships, or skills?*
- *Being generous is the opposite of being greedy or selfish, so what is generosity? (an unselfish attitude, willing to share with others)*
- *Today's Bible lesson is about a boy who was generous with what he had. Who is someone you know that is generous?*



Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

## Worship Tip

Make your worship masculine so the boys in your group will stay engaged. Often boys will disengage if they think worship is too "girly". Involving the boys in worship will not only point their hearts toward Jesus, but can also help eliminate behavior problems that tend to happen when boys are bored. One way to get boys involved is with competition songs. For example, the boys sing a line then girls sing a line. Also consider songs that are fast paced with challenging motions or body movements. Enlisting male volunteers and older boys as worship leaders also helps create a masculine quality in worship.

## MEMORY LINK



Teach a Bible verse to clubbers; help them memorize the verse

Flashlight

### Focus on the Bible

Ask the kids to hold their KBC Study Bibles high in the air. Invite volunteers to tell facts they've learned about the Bible in beach club. After a few kids share, lead all the kids to find the tip-in page "About the Bible" (KBC Study Bible following page 242) and talk about the Bible facts listed on the page. Emphasize that the Bible is a great treasure from God to all people.

### Focus on today's Memory Link

Ask kids to find Philippians 4:19 in their KBC Study Bibles (page 1298) and read it aloud together. *So does this verse mean that God will give you everything you want? Certainly not! The verse says that God will supply everything you need through Christ. Let's talk about the difference between needs and wants. Sometimes the things you want are not best for you. Does that make God stingy or mean? Of course not! God is generous. Many times God gives you more than you need just because He loves and cares for you.*

*You can trust God to provide what you need because of His generosity. The biggest need all people have is forgiveness from sin and a relationship with God. By dying on the cross for your sin, Jesus generously gave himself for you and has made it possible for you to have a personal relationship with God.*

### Option 1 - NEED OR WANT

Bible, coin

Guide kids to sit in a circle. Give one child a Bible. The kids will pass the Bible around the circle as they recite the memory link together. The last person holding the Bible when the reference is recited will flip a coin. If the coin lands on "heads" they will hand the Bible to the person on their left and ask them to state something that is a need. If the coin lands on "tails" they will hand the Bible to the person on their right and ask them to state something that is a want. The person now holding the Bible will start the next round.

### Option 2 - SWAT A VERSE

Fly swatters, note cards

Write each word of the verse on a separate index card. Mix up the cards and place them randomly face-up on the floor. Allow kids to take turns using fly swatters to "swat" each word of the verse in order. Rearrange the words between each turn. Use a timer and see who can complete the activity in the fastest time. For a bigger challenge and if your space permits, spread the word cards far apart so kids have to take a few steps to locate the next word.

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### Philippians 4:19

*"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

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### Teaching Tip

As you teach Philippians 4:19, discourage kids from negatively focusing on the things they do not have or things they wish they could do. Instead, help the kids positively focus their minds on the needs that God has already met and to give Him praise for them. Gently correct kids who identify something they think they need that is really only something they want. For example, shoes are a need, but the coolest, most expensive athletic shoes are not.

### Game Option

Sticky hands are readily available at party stores and novelty stores online. They can be used for many fun and creative games or may be given away as prizes in club. Most can be easily rinsed with water and reused over and over. For today's "Option 2", sticky hands would be a creative alternative. Kids can use sticky hands to pick up each word card in the correct order.







## MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Game to review today's Bible Connection & Character Word



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### Option 1 - BALLOON RELAY

Inflated balloons, cones

Tell the clubbers that today's game is a relay race. Direct each group to form a single file line several feet away from the cones. Explain that players will answer a review question, place an inflated balloon between their knees, and hop to the cone and back. The next player repeats and so on until everyone has a turn. The first team to complete the relay wins.

### Option 2 - GIVE IT AWAY

Bandanas, music

Guide kids to sit in a circle. Explain that the object of the game is to give away the bandana. Play the music as the kids pass the bandana around the circle as quickly as possible. When the music stops, the person holding the bandana will answer a review question. They will generously give the bandana to someone else in the circle, who will begin passing when the music starts for the next round of play.

### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today's character word? (Generosity)*
2. *What does generosity mean? (An unselfish attitude, willing to share with others)*
3. *Name someone who showed generosity in today's story and how? (The boy gave his lunch; Jesus multiplied the food so everyone had plenty to eat.)*
4. *How much food did the boy have with him? (5 loaves and 2 fish)*
5. *How many baskets of leftovers did the disciples collect? (12 baskets)*
6. *The people who saw this miracle said Jesus was a prophet. Who do you know Jesus is? (The Savior; God's Son)*
7. *How did Jesus show generosity to all people? (He gave His life to pay for our sin.)*
8. *Recite today's memory link. (And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19)*
9. *Name one way God has been generous to you.*
10. *Who can you generously tell the good news about Jesus? (Answers will vary.)*

### Teaching Tip

Need more review questions? Create your own questions using these categories.

1. Salvation ABCs
2. Today's memory link.
3. Last week's story.
4. Previous character words.
5. Application questions about today's topic.

### Teaching Tip

You share your Beach Club space with the public school. Please leave it better than you found it. Talk with the teacher of the room and find out what they need. If you can add something to the classroom that benefits the school and your beach club, that's a win-win. But even if it does not help your club, strengthening the relationship between partnering church and school is a great thing.



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